

Criminal history standard

Victorian Disability Worker Commission and Disability Worker Registration Board of Victoria



Easy English

Who wrote this book



This book is from the Victorian Disability
Worker Commission and the Disability Worker
Registration Board of Victoria.



Our job is to

• protect the rights of people with disability

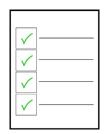


 make sure services for people with disability are safe and of good quality.

About this book



We wrote this book to tell you about registration standards in Victoria.



Our registration standards say what a person **must** do to be a registered disability worker.

For example, the person **must** tell us about their criminal history.



Their criminal history tells us if they have

broken the law



been convicted.

Convicted means the court said they were guilty.

The Disability Worker Registration Board of Victoria made the registration standards.



We call them the Board.

In this book, you can read about

 when a disability worker needs to tell us about their criminal history



 how a disability worker can tell us their criminal history

 how the Board decides if a person cannot be a registered disability worker.



If you need more information, you can find our contact information at the end of this book.

Information about disability workers who are registered



They **must** tell us if their criminal history changes.

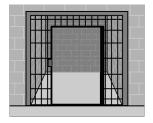
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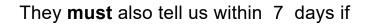
They must tell us within 7 days if

 they have been charged because the police said they broke the law

and



the punishment is going to prison for
12 months or more.

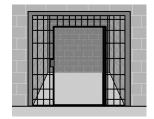




• they have been convicted

 they were found guilty because the court said they broke the law

and



• the punishment is going to prison in Australia or another country.

What happens next



The Board will decide if they still meet the registration standard.

If they do **not** meet the registration standard, the Board will have to take action.



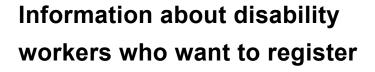
This means the Board might

give them extra rules to help them meet the registration standard



cancel their registration

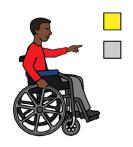
 make sure they do not give services to people with disability.





When they apply to be registered, we will ask them to tell us about their criminal history.

How they should tell us about their criminal history

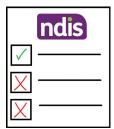


We have 2 options.

They can choose the option that is right for them.

Option 1

Tell us if they have an NDIS worker screening identification number.



Their NDIS worker screening identification number will tell us their criminal history.

Option 2



Agree to a Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check.



They will then need to tell us their criminal history in

Australia



• other countries.

They should tell us about their criminal history for the countries they lived in

• for 12 months or more

and

• the last 10 years.



The Board might also ask them to get an international criminal history check.

What happens next

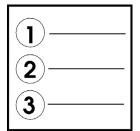


The Board will look at what they told us about their criminal history.

They will check to see if what they told us is the same as in their NDIS worker screening check.

If they have a criminal history, the Board will look at

• what type of criminal history they have



- how serious their criminal history is
- the reasons for their criminal history.



The Board will decide if they meet the registration standard.



If a disability worker does not meet the registration standard

The Board might ask for more information.



The Board might give them extra rules to help them meet the registration standard.



The Board might also give a final decision that they **cannot** register.

More information



For more information contact the Victorian Disability Worker Commission.



Call us

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